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**EVER-READY TORCHES PROSECUTION.****TRADE MARK CASE.**

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT IN HONG KONG.

**WHOLESALE MANUFACTURE**

Summons arising out of alleged infringement of the trade mark of "Ever Ready" torch batteries manufactured by the National Carbon Corporation, U.S.A., were heard before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a barrister and three solicitors appeared on behalf of various parties.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, appearing for the company, said that his clients had been in the market twelve years and were known, not only in Hong Kong, but all over China as well, having supplied batteries and hand torches. The trade mark was registered in Hong Kong.

During the last year or two, Mr. Hugh Jones continued, a number of infringements had been noticed and his clients had been unable to discover exactly where the goods had been made but they had strong suspicion that the offending goods were being manufactured in Kowloon. His clients had, in fact, been lucky to make certain discoveries and a special representative of the corporation was present in Court. Warrants had been issued, and Sergeant Mottram and Brittain on Tuesday effected certain seizures that could have filled a truck.

**Yau-mati Raid.**  
Premises in Yau-mati were searched and it was found that one floor of a house was being used for extensive manufacture. Labels were being made in great quantities and the process of manufacture was going on. Ten types of label and three types of battery were seized in the raid; some were called "Canton city," some "Chung Wah" and some "Electricity." These were not alleged to be copies of the "Ever Ready" trade mark but the Corporation did allege that they were of the same colours, which was forbidden by regulation. Such labels, however, bore a false trade description in that they purported to have been manufactured in the United States of America.

The makers, Mr. Hugh Jones added, were manufacturing with the full knowledge that they were using false trade marks. Summarily.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, barrister-at-law, who appeared for the Kwang Tung Co., was asked by his Worship whether he would prefer the case to be dealt with summarily or go before a judge and jury. Mr. Lo said he preferred summary proceedings.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the Cheung Wah Battery Co. and applied for a remand. The case against this defendant was fixed for Thursday at 11.45 a.m.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro appeared for the Pak Hing Co. and also applied for a remand. The case against this defendant was fixed for Monday, at 11.30 a.m.

**OPIUM HAULS.****\$8,680 WORTH FOUND IN TWO SAMPANS.**

Two large seizures of prepared non-Government opium, totalling 1,085 taels and worth \$8,680, were made by a Revenue Officer on board sampans in Hong Kong harbour yesterday afternoon.

The first "find" was made on board a sampan near the Kwong Wing wharf, opposite Sincere's. Two sacks were found on board containing 565 1-tael tins of opium worth \$4,520.

Two boat men and a woman were arrested, and they will appear before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy to-morrow morning.

In the other instance, 520 taels of the drug were found in a sampan moored to the Praya wall. There was no one on board when the Revenue Officers made the seizure.

The opium, which was worth \$4,160, was removed to the Imports and Exports Department and will form the subject of an application for confiscation in Court.

**THE OUTBREAK OF DENGUE.****350,000 CASES.****WHOLE ATHENIAN POPULATION AFFECTED.****M. VENIZELOS NORMAL.**

Athenians, Yesterday. The cooler weather, coupled with the Government's preventive measures, has resulted in a considerable abatement of the dengue fever outbreak.

There have been, so far, 350,000 cases.

M. Venizelos is recovering normally.—Reuter.

[A recent telegram stated that the whole population of Athens had been stricken with dengue.]

**A COLLISION.****3 KILLED: 1 SERIOUSLY INJURED.****ON DUTCH RAILWAY.**

Amsterdam, Yesterday. Three were killed and one seriously injured in a collision between a train and a motor lorry at a level crossing, Winschoten Province, Groningen.—Reuter.

**NOVEL EXCUSE.****AILING MOTHER AND WAITING BRIDE.****BANISHEE'S LIES.**

That he had returned to the Colony to see his ailing mother and also to get married, was the excuse offered at the Kowloon Court to-day by a banisher.

The police, on investigation, found that the statements were untrue.

Defendant's father, who appeared in Court, said that his son had returned because his business in Canton had failed and that he (the son), was in need of money.

The stories of father and son were totally different, and the magistrate asked defendant if he was telling any lies.

It appears that four years ago defendant was sent to jail for stealing and for unlawful possession. He was banished for 5 years.

He returned, however, before the legal time, and was sentenced to 9 months' hard labour.

When his past record was read to him, defendant admitted everything. A sentence of 10 months' imprisonment was imposed, in addition to 15 strokes of the birch, for which, if defendant was physically unfit, could be substituted by two months' hard labour.

**JUNK PIRATED.****BOARDED BY ARMED MEN AND TWO WOMEN.**

A piracy in Chinese waters has been reported to the Water Police by Chin On-lee, master of fishing junk No. 258-H.

According to Chin, the junk left Hong Kong at 7 a.m. on September 4 on a trip to Macao. The crew consisted of Chin and two fokis. The junk had on board a cargo of dried fish consigned to Macao.

On September 5, at about 9 a.m., the junk was off Fan-lau Point, Lantau Island, when she was approached by a large junk with a crew of 18 armed men and two women.

After a chase, the stranger got alongside the fishing junk which was hoisted by five pirates, armed with revolvers and Mausers.

Chin and his two fokis were driven into the hold, where they were imprisoned, the pirates nail- ing the hatch cover over them. The fishing junk was then sailed away.

The following day Chin and his fokis were released from the hold and found that the junk was off Lantau, in Chinese territory.

Here the pirates transferred the cargo of dried fish worth \$360, clothing, and boat tackle valued at \$57, to their own craft and sailed away.

As soon as the pirates were out of sight, Chin and his fokis made tracks back to Hong, arriving here yesterday.

**KELLOGG FACT.**

Geneva, Yesterday. Lithuania has adhered to the Kellogg Pact.—Reuter.

**CANTON'S FINES FOR CLAN FIGHTS.****\$123,000 & RIFLES.****GOVERNMENT DEALS DRASTICALLY WITH VILLAGERS.****BLOODSHED JUST AVOIDED.**

A clan fight, which pointed to blood being shed in the Western district of Canton, has now been settled, but not before three of the leading clans, which participated in the struggle, had been fined by the Canton Government.

Several smaller clans were also dealt with similarly.

According to a vernacular re-

port, an order has been issued by the Government that Shew Hong, the promoter of the fight, is to be fined \$100,000 and to be compelled to hand over 600 rifles.

Tang Ha, another member of a leading clan, is to pay a sum of \$20,000 and hand over 300 rifles, while a like penalty has been imposed on the Tang Chung clan. Other clans, which assisted in the fight, have been fined \$3,000 each.

Besides this, all the clans which hired robbers to join in the fight have to surrender to the government, while the fines and ammunition are to be handed in within an appointed date.

The government has detained representatives of the clans but has released one representative of each clan so that they may go back and report to the villagers. The rest of the representatives will not be released until the fines have been paid.

**HIGHLY IMPROBABLE****CHINESE SENT TO JAIL FOR 5 MONTHS.****CONTRADICTORY STORY.**

Appearing on remand on a charge of attempted theft, at No. 83, Austin-road, on Wednesday, a Chinese who called a number of witnesses who, however, did not

corroborate his statements but was sentenced to 5 months' hard labour at the Kowloon court this morning.

The magistrate, Mr. W. Schofield, remarked that the story given by defendant was highly improbable.

He was accused of breaking into a shop in Austin-road on the early hours of the morning. The complainant, Ali Aschar, an Indian, yesterday gave graphic evidence of the arrest of defendant within his shop premises.

The complainant was supported in his statements by a couple of witnesses.

Defendant's story was that he had been arrested for no apparent reason.

Detective-Inspector Fallon said that defendant had told him that he (defendant) was, on the night in question, returning to Yau-mati by Canton-road, which proved that he was being found in Austin-road he was contradicting his statement.

The magistrate agreed, and the above sentence was imposed.

**YAU-MATI MURDER.****ONE OF THE SUSPECTS DISCHARGED.****CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.**

Appearing at the Kowloon Magistracy on remand in connection with the murder of two Chinese at Woosung-street, committed early one morning some three weeks ago, one of the two suspects detained by the police was discharged.

Detective-Inspector Fallon informed the magistrate that the second defendant had proved a strong alibi.

The magistrate, addressing the second defendant: The police state that they have no evidence against you in connection with the murder, and they therefore ask for your discharge.

An application by the police for a formal adjournment for one week was granted. The first defendant was again remanded in police custody till Sept. 14.

Flight Lieut. D. d'Arcy Greg, R.A.F., who next month will try in a supermarine Napier racing seaplane to break the world's air-speed record of 618 miles an hour (now held by Italy), will go into the training, says the "Daily Mail" to hand.

**A NEGRO NATION'S PROTEST.****IN LIBERIA.****COERCION ALLEGED IN RUBBER CONCESSION GRANTS.****CABLE TO WASHINGTON.**

Washington, Aug. 31. President Charles D. B. King of Liberia to-day cabled to Secretary Frank B. Kellogg at the State Department, charging that the Government of Liberia had been coerced by the United States in the matter of the Firestone rubber concession.

Similar coercion took place, the President declared, in the case of the seven cent loan of 1927.

Charges of coercion in these matters were recently made at the Williamstown Institute, which just concluded its annual discussions of international affairs.—United Press.

**SOME RAIN.**

West or variable winds, moderate, fine at first, some rain later, is the forecast until noon tomorrow.

Pressure is high to the east of Japan. The typhoon is filling up to the north-west of Amoy.

There are still indications of a typhoon in the neighbourhood of Guam.

**BAG SNATCHER.****SENTENCED TO 9 MONTHS' HARD AND 20 STROKES.****STUDENTS CONGRATULATED.**

Ma Wing, who was arrested after a long chase, which was taken up by Revenue Officer Ward on his motor cycle, in spite of which he evaded capture until he was eventually stopped by two University students in Eastern street, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with snatching a handbag containing \$35, from Mrs. Ruggie, (not "Fuggie" as stated yesterday) the wife of a warder of Victoria Jail.

The snatching occurred at 6 p.m. on Wednesday as Mrs. Ruggie was walking along Park-road on her way home. The accused, from behind, snatched the lady's handbag, and ran down Park-road into Bonham-road followed by Mrs. Ruggie.

In Bonham-road, Revenue Officer Ward took up the chase on his motor cycle, but the accused evaded him. Mr. Ward by going down some steps at the top of Eastern-street and then ran towards Hospital-road.

After parking his cycle, Mr. Ward was some distance behind his quarry, but he kept the man in sight until he saw the two students walking in Hospital-road and called to them to stop the fugitive. The students succeeded in capturing the thief, and when Mr. Ward got up, he found Mrs. Ruggie's bag concealed on the thief's person. The contents were intact.

"Guilty."

The accused pleaded "guilty." Inspector Clark said that there was no record against accused and nothing known against him except what he had himself told the police after his arrest.

Mr. Lindsell decided not to take the accused's statement into consideration, and passed sentence of nine months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch.

The two University students were then called up by his Worship.

They were Mr. Kom Swan-tay, of St. John's Hall, and Mr. Lai Nyen-koong, of Elliot Hall.

Addressing the students, Mr. Lindsell said: "I understand that you helped in the capture of this man. You did very well and I congratulate you both on your excellent conduct."

A landslide is progressing on the Undercliff drive between Blackgang and Niton, Isle of Wight, has blocked part of the road and appears likely to sweep away the highway at Windy Corner.

**TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.**

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

**ROBBER GANGS IN PEKING.****AN EPIDEMIC.****FANCY TAKEN TO POSSESSIONS OF FOREIGNERS.****DEACONESS HELD UP.****PEKING, To-day.**

The activities of gangs of robbers in and around Peking has increased considerably of late. A week ago a gang broke in and looted two temples rented to foreigners in the Western Hills during the absence of the owners, while last week-end, while an Italian named Riva was absent in the Hills, his Peking residence was broken into and \$3,000 worth of silver stolen.

The American military attaché, Mr. Magruder returned this week from Chinwangtao to find many valuables stolen from his house, including a silver canteen presented by the Legation at his marriage, while to-day it is learned that two Anglican church people, Rev. Porteous and Deaconess Frances, were on their way from Peking to Yungching by motor bus when robbers searched their baggage, taking everything to which they took a fancy, also stealing their wrist watches.

Reuter.

**YUNNAN AFFAIRS.****LUNG YEN ORDERED TO CLEAR OUT BANDITS.****MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS.****YUNNANFU, Yesterday.**

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Kanchow (1222) British, from Shanghai, Amoy—B. & S.—47 passengers, 553 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 693 tons (through).

Borned (1297) British, from Hongay, Hoihow—Shun Tai S.S. Co.—39 passengers, 2,900 tons coal (through).

Campilas (1972) French, from Saigon—Optorg Co.—1 passengers, 2,000 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tai Poo Sek (1219) French, from Fort Bayard—Shun Cheong S.S. Co.—169 passengers, 765 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Limchow (1416) French, from Haiphong, Hoihow—Sing Kee—243 passengers, 1,600 tons coal and general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,000 tons coal (through).

Albert Sarrert (1132) French, from Saigon—Mackinnon MacKenzie—2,100 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Hanoi (630) French, from Haiphong, Fort Bayard—Mackinnon Mackenzie—31 passengers, 180 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Tjillob (8635) Dutch, from Batavia, Balikpapan—J.C.J.L.—34 passengers, 1,035 tons sugar for Hong Kong, 3,775 tons (through).

Lushan Maru (1507) Japanese, from Shanghai, Swatow—N.Y.K.—119 passengers, 22 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 55 tons (through).

Wing Wo (503) Chinese, from K.C. Wan—Yiu Kee Co.—12 passengers, 800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Lee Cheung (168) Chinese, from Shanghai—Fook Hoi Co.—177 passengers, 10 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing Co.—75 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

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	British	4	6	21
Japanese	1	1	1	3
Norwegian	0	1	1	7
Chinese	3	8	12	12
Dutch	1	1	1	4
French	5	1	1	7
German	0	1	1	0
American	0	0	1	1
Danish	0	0	1	1
Portuguese	0	0	2	58
	14	14		58

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Mr. Vaughan, in making the presentation, referred to the great services Mr. Greenip had rendered to the company, and on behalf of all his colleagues wished him a very long and happy leisure.

Captain Ernest Boggs (master of the Manchester Commerce) spoke on behalf of the seagoing staff, and expressed the hope that Mr. Greenip would enjoy his retirement.

Mr. Greenip has not only had considerable experience in the handling and building of ships in England, but has held very responsible positions in Italy and Japan.

He served an apprenticeship of seven years in the drawing office and engine works of Messrs. Lobnitz and Co., Ltd., shipbuilders and engineers, "Renfrew," after which he had ten years of sea experience, during a part of which he acted as guarantee engineer for one of the large marine engine building firms. He had charge and supervision of extensive hull and machinery repairs to damaged steamers at Yokosuka, Japan. On his return to England, Mr. Greenip joined the late firm of Messrs. Ashlin and Co., naval architects and marine surveyors, of Liverpool, representing them in the building and supervision of steamers for the Manchester Liners Co., as well as in Genoa, where he was for a time superintendent of the Italian steamship company. In June, 1899, Mr. Greenip was appointed marine and engineering superintendent for the Manchester Liners, Ltd.

Mr. Greenip has been succeeded as marine and engineering superintendent by Mr. George Clay, who was his assistant, and has been with the company for 22 years.

### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. a.s. "Tilawa" will leave Amoy for this port on Sept. 7, and is due here to-morrow.

The Ben Line a.s. "Benvenue" from Middlebrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on Sept. 3 and is due to arrive here on Sunday.

The Dollar liner "President Wilson" will arrive here to-morrow, at 7 a.m. and continue her voyage Round-the-World, via Manila, Straits, etc., on Sunday, September 9 at 8 a.m.

The American Mail liner "President Wilson" is scheduled to sail from Manila to-morrow, at 4 p.m. and will arrive here on Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 a.m. This steamer will leave on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7 a.m. for San Francisco and Los Angeles, via Shanghai, Japan and Honolulu.

The American Mail liner "President Jefferson" sailed from Kobe on Sept. 5 en route for Hong Kong and Manila via Shanghai. She is due to arrive here on Monday, Sept. 10 and will sail for Manila on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (from Manila), Capt. A. J. Hoaken, R.N.R., is due here at 6 p.m. on Sunday and will berth at Pier No. 5 Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at Noon on Sept. 12.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Karachi on August 23 and is expected here on September 13.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on Aug. 29, left Yokohama yesterday at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Sept. 15.

The American Mail liner "President Grant" is scheduled to leave Yokohama to-day for Hong Kong and Manila via Kobe and Shanghai. This steamer will arrive here on Friday, Sept. 14 p.m. and will sail for Manila at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The M.V. "Toledo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Norfolk on July 29 and is due in Hong Kong on Sept. 24.

The s.s. "Benares" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Southampton on August 29, and is due here on or about October 8.

The M.V. "Toronto" (D. & Co.) sailed from Norfolk on Aug. 14, and is due in Hong Kong on Oct. 10.

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Caon & Muji	CHIPSING	Sun, 23rd Sept. at 2 p.m.
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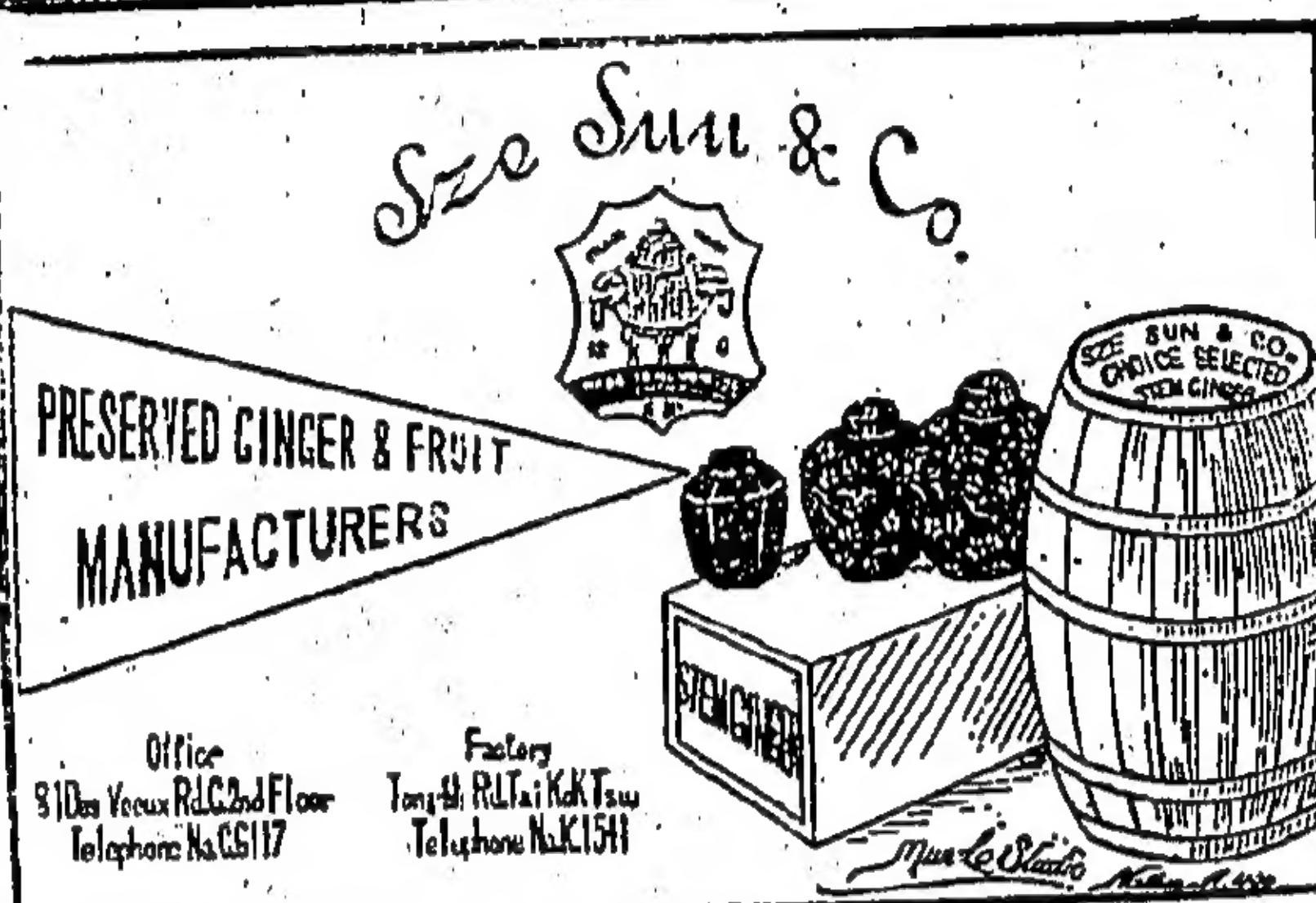
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### ENGLAND'S AVIATION EXPERIMENTS.

It is interesting to note that England intends to contend against Italy for the supremacy of the world's air speed record, and that within a few weeks from now Flight-Lieut. D'Arcy Greig will make an attempt to nullify Major de Bernardi's great feat of 318 miles per hour. In winning the Schneider Trophy at Venice last year, Flight-Lieut. Webster virtually won the world's speed record for England, as the Schneider Trophy is unquestionably the "blue-ribbon" of the speed tests. However, as Major de Bernardi, who was one of the unsuccessful competitors at Venice, did subsequently fly at a faster rate than that attained by Flight-Lieut. Webster, the Italians are, undoubtedly, quite entitled to regard themselves as the holders of the world's speed record. Had the ill-fated Flight-Lieut. Kinkead not been so deplorably unfortunate last year when he was, to all appearance, in a very favourable position to defeat all speed records ever attained, England would probably not have been called upon to make another attempt to assert her supremacy, which we believe is universally recognised as in the possession of the holder of the Schneider Trophy. It may be presumed that had Major de Bernardi been able to fly at a higher speed than 318 miles per hour he would have done so, especially after his disappointment at Venice; and as England was quite confident over last year of eclipsing that speed it may be confidently anticipated that she will do so this year. So much, however, depends upon the individual competitor in such a tre-

mendous effort that it is impossible to draw inferences from what was done, what was expected to be done and what may be done. The sad fate of Flight-Lieut. Kinkead was so deplorable that it seems like tempting Providence again to enter upon such a flight. In fact, it seems to us that there are many more cogent reasons for refraining from such speed contests than there are in participating in them. Still if they are to be regarded as of international importance it is practically essential that England should not refrain. Our performance in winning the Schneider Trophy last year was one of the finest ever known, and fully established the claim of British aviation engineers to turn out machines which for speed and durability are unequalled in the world. We might easily refrain from responding to Italy's success through Major de Bernardi's 318 miles feat, contenting ourselves with our Schneider Cup victory and of the fact that we shall again come forward for the trophy when it is competed for next year, but such an attitude might be misunderstood. Therefore in the attempt that is soon to be made by Flight-Lieutenant D'Arcy Greig we shall hope that it will end in re-establishing British supremacy in aviation engines as also in the possession of a marvellous flier—as Lieut. Greig will certainly have to be if he flies at something like 320-325 m.p.h. The machine which he will use will be a Super-Marine Napier L6, and it will be the same machine that was held in reserve at Venice last year. It is hoped that a speed of 325-330 miles will be attained and if such be an accurate calculation and all goes well with the experiment England's speed supremacy will once again be vindicated.

It is more pleasing to learn of another experiment by which British aviators hope shortly to be able to remain in the air for three days and nights continuously. The machine with which it is hoped to perform this remarkable feat is known as a Fairley Napier monoplane. It is stated that in one sense such a development may be regarded as a challenge to the present holders of the endurance record. Ristiz and Zimmerman of Germany—but as a matter of fact the main purpose of this new development in England is for the more practical purpose of being of practical value in view of the strategic requirements of our scattered Empire. It is particularly satisfactory to note that for the time being the development out of Air Ministry is much alive to the needs not only of the present but of the future.

### Those Playgrounds.

The point raised at yesterday's meeting of the Mid-Levels Residents' Association relative to the allotment of a children's playground in that district reminds us of another proposition of a similar nature. This is the demand for a playground for the youngsters of Kowloon. Some few months ago, it may be remembered—it is quite likely that it is not remembered—the Government promised to look further into the matter of the provision of a piece of ground, after Sir Henry Pollock in the Legislative Council, had made a spirited protest against an adverse official ruling. It is about time, we think, that we were furnished with Government's remarks on the subject.

Curiously enough, nothing concerning the proposed playground has appeared in the reports of the meetings of the Kowloon Residents' Association of late. It is our earnest hope that the Association has not allowed itself to be side-tracked in this matter, for the necessity of an open space for Kowloon children is as urgent now as it was a little while back when many people were excited over the question. The Mid-Levels, of course, should have their playground, but if officialdom feels that it can only deal with one proposal of this kind at a time, it should, we opine, devote its attention in the first place to Kowloon's needs.

Arriving from Batavia and Balikpapan yesterday, the a.s. "Tjililboot" reported the death of a passenger

After attacking a Chinese amah, at Hing Hon-road yesterday morning, a snatcher bolted with a pair of gold ear-rings, set with jade.

The body of a Chinese (40) was taken to the Kowloon Mortuary for identification, after having been taken from the water at North Point.

Captain Mathews, master of the Steamboat Co.'s a.s. "Sui Tai" which was severely damaged by fire, is proceeding on Home leave by the "Hakone Maru" sailing on Saturday.

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government will present medals and labels to members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Government House on Thursday, September 20 at 6 p.m.

The first monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Referees' Association takes place this evening at 6 p.m. at the Chaplain's Hut, Scandal Point. Capt. Austin is to give a short lecture on the "Laws of the game."

Dr. Lim Boon-keng, the highly-respected Chinese educationalist, arrived in Hong Kong this morning on the "Takada" from Singapore and will sail on Sunday for Amoy, where he is President of the University.

Mr. W. J. Hill, M. I. Mech. E., chief engineer of Taikoo Sugar Refinery Co., is to be the recipient at a presentation in the Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders, Hong Kong, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. Mr. Hill is a Past President of the Institute.

The Director of Education announces that under the will of the late Mr. Tsoi Kung-Po a sum of \$10,000 was bequeathed to the Director of Education for the provision of free scholarships. This bequest has been gratefully accepted by the Government.

Fines of \$100 each or six weeks' hard labour were imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindell, this morning, on two Chinese charged with regard to the carcass of a pig. The first man, the owner of the pig, was charged with conveying the animal to the slaughter house at Wan Chai, whilst the other, the caretaker of the slaughter house, was charged with the possession of the carcass which was unfit for human consumption.

This case against the licensee manager, and two "me foot" of the Tat-Tung distillery, charged with defrauding the revenue and failing to keep record of spirits distilled at the place, was remanded before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate this morning. The entire sitting was occupied by Mr. H. A. Taylor, who gave evidence of a British nature, bearing Mr. J. D. Lloyd's opening statement as to the discovery made by a party of Revenue Officers under Mr. Taylor during a raid on the distillery at 7 a.m. on August 22. The case continued in the afternoon.

During forging operations at Wembridge (Wentbridge) two pieces of glowing metal suddenly flew upwards. One of them penetrated the body of the blacksmith, who died in terrible agony before the soul everything but a piece of metal could be extracted.

### FARMING.

#### THE RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING PEASANT.

##### SCIENCE HELP.

Oxford.—"Agriculture will always be a declining industry. A smaller and smaller proportion of the people of the world will be required to produce the necessities of life," said Professor of Rural Economy, University of Oxford, at the conference of the National Council of Social Service.

"To endeavour by artificial means to maintain a large rural population," he continued, "is, in my view, to try to put a spoke in the wheel of progress."

The close association between agriculture and industry in this country was leading to a demand for a better standard of living on the part of rural workers. "A hundred years ago," he said, "it was a very big adventure for a Suffolk agricultural labourer to become a Lancashire weaver. To-day it is no adventure at all for one of my labourers on the University farm to become a worker at the Morris works.

"Agricultural labourers are getting less wages than they deserve, but more than the industry, as at present organised, can afford to pay.

"I believe that the establishment of a large new peasant class, even if it were desirable, would be impossible. I believe that any attempt to increase substantially the number of small holdings would be doomed to economic failure. I think the agricultural industry must aim at one thing—a large output per man employed, and that logically means a reduction of the agricultural population.

"The labours of the future will need to be more intelligent, alert, and adaptable. He will need a better and more liberal education and a systematic training in his craft. A man cannot 'pick up' the principles of Grade 'A' milk production because it involves a knowledge of bacteriology. It is too expensive to let a man learn how to run a tractor by breaking up its inside. The farmer of the future will have to be better trained, and will have to concentrate more on scientific management."

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#### P'RAP'S-P'RAP'S NOT!

Mollie: "I've taken three lessons in French from a correspondence school."

Dollie: "Really? Could you carry on conversation with a Frenchman?"

"Oh, no; but I could talk to anybody else who'd had three lessons."

The newly-married couple, en route for Scotland, stopped at a certain hotel for lunch, where the manager was rather assiduous in his attentions. For the tenth time he said up, "And what can I get for you now, sir?" "Some honeymoon salad, please." "You have me there, sir," replied the manager.

"May I ask what it consists of?"

"Just lettuce alone," replied Mr. Newlywed.

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This little tale is not at the expense of the Americans, but rather in praise of their instincts.

A Londoner was hurrying along the Embankment to keep an appointment for which he was already late. He was stopped by a party of Americans, one of whom asked if he would point out Cleopatra's Needle.

"Why, certainly," responded the Londoner. "It's just here."

He indicated the famous obelisk, and at the same time removed his hat to wipe his brow. Whereupon the Americans also uncovered and gazed at the Needle with reverence.

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Teacher: "Who can tell me what an herbaceous border is?"

Tommy, whose mother is a boarding-house keeper: "Please, miss, a lodger what don't eat meat."

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Mother: "Jane, do you know if Johnny has come home from school yet?"

Jane: "I think so. I haven't seen him, but the cat is holding under the stove."

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Lawyer (for the auto accident victim): "Gentlemen of the jury, the driver of the car stated he was going only four miles an hour. Think of it! The long agony of my poor unfortunate client, the victim, as the car drove so slowly over his body!"

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"You cannot keep me down!" shouted an orator at a public meeting.

"Though I may be pressed below the waves, I rise again; you will find that I come to the surface, gentlemen."

"Yes," said one of his hearers. "You come to the surface to blow."

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"My boy," said the proud father, "has the brain of a polli-clan."

"Well, time is a great healer," said the listener who was bored of this particular subject.

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"Mabel boasts of having family jewels."

"Well, I know her engagement ring was in three families before Jack gave it to her."

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Two spiders who lived in a church were discussing the housing question.

"I live under the pulpit and get disturbed every Sunday," said one.

"Come with me," said the other.

"I live in the poor box and never get disturbed."

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Film Actor: "Look here, if he's going to throw me into the rapids, how am I going to get out?"

Director: "Oh, that's all right. You don't appear again!"

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## MID-LEVELS.

RESIDENTS' 3RD ANNUAL MEETING.

## TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

Mr. W. A. Dowley presided at the third annual meeting of the Mid-levels Residents' Association held last evening in the Ladies' Recreation Club. He was supported by the following members of the committee:—Mr. J. T. Bagram, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. J. H. Brister, Mr. A. L. Shieids, Mrs. G. Harman, Miss Russell, Mr. T. A. Martin (hon. secretary and treasurer). The secretary read the notice convening the meeting. The chairman then presented his address, as follows:—You will have seen from the report that our membership at the end of last month was 55. I do not think there will be any difficulty in raising this figure to 100 when all newcomers to these levels get to hear about the association and its objects. In fact we had a round-up during the past week and applications to join are now coming in daily.

Since our last annual meeting, Mr. Joseph had to give up the hon. secretaryship on leaving the Colony, and it was passed on to Mr. Brooks; he also had to resign on taking furlough, but we think the association has now found a "home" for some little time to come.

## MOTOR ROAD WANTED.

During the period we brought our committee up to full strength by inviting Messrs. J. T. Bagram, L. Dunbar, A. H. Ferguson, Henry Humphreys and O. Steenstra to join us.

The accounts show a balance in hand of \$183.12, which, I think, is ample for our present needs.

I will now deal with some of the matters considered during the year.

First and foremost, there is no doubt in the minds of all that we badly need up-to-date facilities for travelling to and from our residences. Government were again written to asking for definite information as to when a motor road might be expected and we have been informed that the work will be included in the 1929-draft Estimates. Although the need has been urgent for some considerable time past, we have refrained from worrying the authorities pending an improvement in the Colony's finances.

To-day, with new blocks of flats on May-road lately put up and fully tenanted, the necessity for a motor road is even greater. Further, the Colony's finances are in a very healthy state.

## A PLAYGROUND.

Meanwhile, Shek O and the Peak have their motor roads, great things are anticipated in the way of roads for the New Territories, but our own needs in the fast growing locality of the mid-levels seem to be overlooked and we still have to run the risk of being shut out of the tram, or depend on chair coolies, or what is more often than not, walk. In order to give greater weight to our demands, I appeal to one and all living round about here to join the association and support us in endeavouring to get what will be an undoubted blessing to everybody in these parts.

Another matter you will see we have again enquired about is the desirability of providing for a children's playground. At present, children have to be content with playing on the paths, for want of a better place, and although the matter has been represented to Government before, we think the time has come when something definite should result.

## CALL BOX.

Following representations made to the association, we asked the Telephone Co. if they would instal a call box at May-road tram station. This will be done if the Association guarantees the annual subscription. I suggest that, with your consent, we pay the first year's subscription out of association funds, collections from 10 cent calls being for the association's account. If members support the idea, three calls day only are necessary to pay for the outlay.

Another matter in which your committee was asked to assist related to the unsatisfactory water pressure to mid-levels. The Water Authority informed us that as only two complaints had been received, further details were required for investigations to be made. All members affected will doubtless supply the secretary with full details at this meeting.

With these remarks, I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

Mr. A. G. Coppin seconded. The chairman's proposal was carried unanimously.

## DISCUSSION.

Proposed by Mr. T. S. Morrison and seconded by Captain A. W. Davison, the committee was re-elected en bloc, including the three new members mentioned by the chairman.

In reply to an inquiry, the chairman said that, in view of ground

## CHINESE WILLS.

TESTATORS ON HONESTY AND FEAR.

## INJUNCTION TO SONS.

Two wills made by Chinese have been admitted to probate in Hong Kong. One concerns only a nominal amount in the Colony but the other relates to an estate worth \$10,500.

Ho Shum-kwan, alias Ho Kul-tsun, who died at Canton, says the following in his will:—

"I have exerted myself in trading for several tens of years. Being frugal, diligent, honest and faithful I have built up a small estate, little by little. With this I nourished my parents until their death and sustained my wife and children until my children could support themselves. As I am approaching the end of my life and seeing that all of you (children) can support yourselves, I feel greatly relieved.

"You should remember the difficulties with which I have built up the estate and endeavour to maintain the same to perpetuity. You should realise the difficulties in maintaining an estate, and prize it above all and you should never forget my words."

## Excellent Precepts.

"As you were born brothers by the same venter, the wealth should be jointly shared. Whether the business be profitable or losing, and whether the price of the property be on a rise or fall, you should co-operate and share the benefits equally. Even if you want to pursue another line of business and part with your own share, it will be necessary for you to send for your brothers by the same venter and allow them to take over according to the current rate, less 12 per cent, so as to enable them to enjoy preferential right. If none of the brothers are prepared to take over the share then it may be transferred to someone else so as to maintain a cordial spirit."

"Henceforth, you brothers shall live harmoniously, and your families shall live happily. For nine generations the members of the Cheung family lived together, which is a laudable example, and the cordiality existing between the Keung brothers who slept under one large bed cover, is commendable."

## "I Failed."

Lau San-nam, who died at No. 352, Des Voeux-road West at the age of 33, leaves a will to the following effect:—

"As I am seriously ill and as I have been entrusted by some people I am afraid I may meet with an unexpected event. I therefore especially make this my last will."

My age is young and my burden heavy. In addition, when the strike cropped up, I failed in what I planned for and I am afraid I may be ungrateful to people for what they have entrusted me with. I therefore hereby specially declare that house No. 8, Sai On-lane, is the property of my employers, the Wing Yu Wo, and that one moiety of the house, No. 9, Sai On-lane, is the property of Lau Yi-tin, one of the partners of the Wing Yu Wo."

## WAR IN THE NORTH.

Peking, Yesterday.

The Nationalists officially claim that the Northern forces have evacuated Lutai and Ningho and that General Pei Chung-hai is advancing to these points, also that his forces on the left flank are carrying out an enveloping movement near Yutien.

An unofficial report says that serious fighting is going on at Tungfengtai.—Reuter.

Police-Superintendent Baker, of Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, who at Merthyr was fined \$10 with \$24 costs for dangerously driving a motor-car, was stated to have come into collision with another car, which overturned, the occupants being injured.

In regard to the desired motor road, various suggestions were put forward and Mr. Bagram said that he thought the Government had the scheme worked out.

The meeting approved of the chairman's proposal to erect the May-road call box. One member mentioned the theft of money from a "Star" ferry-telephone box and the chairman replied that the matter of installation would be attended to by the company.

Votes of thanks were passed by Mr. J. M. Morris, Mr. S. Morrison and seconded by Captain A. W. Davison, the committee was re-elected en bloc, including the three new members mentioned by the chairman.

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## CHEAP OPERA.

CALL FOR 52,000 MORE SUPPORTERS.

## TWOPENCE A WEEK.

The Imperial League of Opera, founded by Sir Thomas Beecham, which has been appealing for 12,000 subscribers at 10s. a year for five years to aid in establishing opera in Britain, issued a statement recently. It says:—

The league is in a very healthy condition. What is needed to enable the league to close its subscription list is:—

From London at least a further 15,000 subscribers. From Manchester, a further 3,000. From Birmingham, a further 1,500.

From Edinburgh and Bradford, each a further 1,000. From Leeds and Liverpool, each a further 1,500.

It has been decided to omit Glasgow from the list of six provincial centres owing to the lack of interest in that town. Glasgow's place has been taken by Bradford, which was not at first included in the scheme.

The present efforts to complete the scheme will be continued until but not beyond the end of this year.

## "NEW YORK."

## AN EXCITING DRAMA COMING HERE.

Presenting intimate scenes of many of New York's famous show places, a new picture entitled "New York" will be the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday next, according to a special advertisement appearing in this issue. Ricardo Cortez and Lois Wilson are the leading players in this tense drama of a man who climbs from the squalid environment of the Bowery to a pinnacle in the pleasure-leaving world, where he wins the girl of his heart.

Then, when everything seems to be his, fate steps in and deals a surprising blow. In addition to the principals there is an excellent supporting cast which includes Estelle Taylor, William Powell and Norman Trevor.

The production has been lavishly produced as to convey all the roar and glamour of the teeming city.

## REST NEEDED.

## SIR WM. ARBUTHNOT LANE URGES ITS IMPORTANCE.

Should women rest more?

This point, raised by Mrs. W. H. J. Priest, mayoress of Plymouth at the Royal Sanitary Institute Congress at Plymouth recently, was discussed by Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, whose health campaign is well known. He said to a "Daily Mail" reporter:—

Mrs. Priest has gone right to the root of one of the most important causes of nervous exhaustion in women. All my life I have been urging women, for their health's sake, to spend half an hour in a recumbent posture after meals—especially after luncheon.

If we can get women to understand the importance of this brief relaxation, which must be both physical and mental, we shall have gone a long way towards relieving women of the stress of life.

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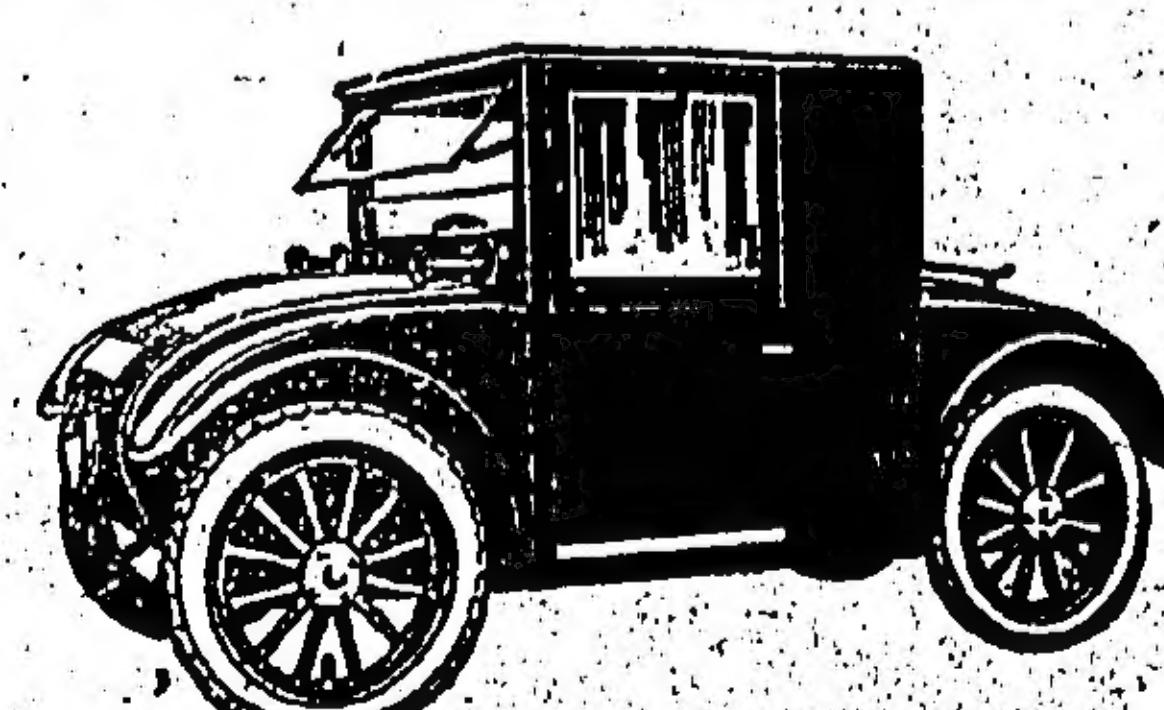
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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

ANNUAL CAMP FIXED FOR  
NOVEMBER.

### THE WEEK'S ORDERS.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:

#### ANNUAL CAMP.

The Annual Camp will take place at Fanling, New Territories, between November 16 and December 9, 1928.

The dates for Camp will be as follows:

Friday night, November 16, to Sunday evening, November 18.  
Friday night, November 23, to Sunday evening, November 25.  
Friday night, November 30, to Sunday evening, December 2.  
Friday night, December 7, to Sunday evening, December 9.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

There will be a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess Committee at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 1928, at Volunteer Headquarters.

#### ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

The Corps Annual Athletic Meeting will be held on the ground of the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, October 13, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Particulars will be advised later.

#### STORES AND REPAIRS.

Corps Order No. 287 dated July 29, 1927, is repeated for the information of all concerned.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to the fact that no member of the Corps is entitled to give orders to any firm or shop, for goods or repairs, connected with the Corps, or otherwise, unless such an order is signed by the Adjutant. If this procedure is not adopted the individual gives the order at his own liability and there can be no guarantee that the expenditure will be met out of Corps Funds.

Corps Order No. 313 dated January 20, 1928, is repeated for the information of all concerned.

Os. C. Units will instruct all N.C.O.s to get chevrons of white tape according to rank sown on to their khaki shirts by the master tailor, forthwith.

#### MUSKETRY.

The Engineer Company and Corps Signals will fire Part II, Table "T" at Stonecutters on Sunday, September 9.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. M. A. Johnson, M.M.  
Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, September 7, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, September 8, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

#### CORPS BAND.

The Band will parade at full strength on Tuesday and Friday, September 11 and 14, at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

#### THE BATTERY.

Friday, September 7. Parade will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. Layers Class on No. 1 Gun. "Gun drill" on No. 2 Gun. Signal Section under Sergt. Jack.

#### ENGINEER COMPANY.

Musketry Part II. See order No. 6.

#### CORPS SIGNALS.

Musketry Part II. Particulars see order No. 6.

Monday, September 17, 1928. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

It is hoped that all ranks will make a special effort to be present at this first parade of the season.

#### M.I. AND A.C.

All ranks are reminded that Musketry Part II will be fired at Stonecutters on Monday, September 16.

#### RANGE OFFICER.

2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine.

#### MOUNTED INFANTRY CO.

Friday, September 7. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction on the M.G. Sergt. Watson's Section only.

Tuesday, September 11. Parade at Stables at 5.45 p.m. for riding school.

Friday, September 14. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction on the M.G. Sergt. Pott's Section only.

#### ARMoured CAR CO.

Car Section. Fridays, September 7 and 14, 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Monday, September 10. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Dress: Mufti.

#### MOTOR-CYCLE SECTION.

Monday and Friday, September 10 and 14. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Dress: Mufti.

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Dress: Mufti.

Tuesday, September 11. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for formation ride.

#### MACHINE GUN CO.

The Company will parade at full strength on Tuesday, September 11, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters, details as hereunder:

MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTORS CLASS for those detailed, under Capt. E. J. R. Mitchell. Dress: Mufti.

Recruits under Sergt. V. R. Branson, M.C. Dress: Mufti, belt and sidearms.

No. 1 Platoon, Sub-Sections "A" and "B," will proceed to Kennedy-road with two service guns, under Lieut. A. H. Penn. Dress: Mufti.

No. 2 Platoon, Machine Gun and Infantry Training under Sub-Section Commanders. Dress: Mufti.

Recruits will also parade on Friday, September 7, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C. Dress: Mufti and belt only.

#### COMPANY DINNER.

Members are reminded that the Company Dinner will take place at 7.45 p.m. in the Drill Hall on Friday, September 14. Those who have not already done so should apply for tickets (\$2 each) through their Platoon Commanders.

#### SCOTTISH COMPANY.

Thursday, September 13. Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction in Vickers Gun. Dress: Mufti.

Thursday, September 13. No. 6 Platoon will parade at Kowloon Dock for instruction in Vickers Gun.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Company meeting at Corps Headquarters on Wednesday, September 12, at 6 p.m.

Musketry Part II. Sunday, September 30, at Stonecutters. Details later.

#### PEAK RANGE.

The Peak Range has been allotted to the Company on Sunday, September 30. This is open to the whole Company, and all ranks should take advantage of this practice in preparation for firing Part II Musketry at Stonecutters Range the following Sunday. Firing will commence at 9 a.m. sharp.

#### STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1374 Pte. J. F. Guerreiro, No. 9 Platoon, from September 1, 1928.

No. 1375 Pte. M. T. Nunes, No. 10 Platoon, from September 3, 1928.

No. 1376 Pte. T. A. Lewis, Car Section (Armoured Car Co.), from September 3, 1928.

#### TRANSFERS.

No. 785 Pte. M. D. Scott is transferred from Armoured Car Company to The Battery, as from August 22, 1928.

No. 833 Pte. A. Zimmern is transferred from Armoured Car Company to No. 2 Platoon (Machine Gun Company), as from September 1, 1928.

The amateur claims to have picked up message from Commander Dyott, from a station at Kuaueme River, in the Zingo region, announcing that Colonel Fawcett was killed by Indians in July, 1925.

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#### COL. FAWCETT'S FATE

#### SAID TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

IN JULY, 1925.

The following extract from the "Hong Kong Government Gazette" No. 38, dated August 31, 1928, is published for information:

"H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation by Lieut. Norman Leslie Howard Railton of his Commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corp with effect from August 23, 1928."

#### STRUCK OFF.

Having left the Colony, as from September 1, 1928:

No. 931 Pte. C. T. Evans, No. 2 Platoon.

Having completed three years' service and claimed their discharge:

No. 951 Pte. J. E. Ward, No. 9 Platoon, as from August 18, 1928.

No. 934 Pte. W. H. Kylling, Reserve Company, as from September 1, 1928.

#### NOTICES.

#### Billiards.

The next round of the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament between H.K.V.D.C. v. 31st Battery, R.A. will be played on September 7, 1928, commencing at 6 p.m.

#### PROMENADE CONCERT.

Promenade Concert will be held at Volunteer Parade ground on Friday, September 21, 1928, at 9.15 p.m. when, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Ponsonby, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers, the Band of 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment will play.

Admission \$1, and all other arrangements as before.

#### "THE LIGHT OF ASIA."

#### A NOTABLE FILM FOR WORLD THEATRE.

#### PORTEGUESE CO.

#### Guard of Honour.

Practice Parade. The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, September 14, at 6.30 p.m. in the Drill Hall on Friday, September 14, at 6.30 p.m. for instruction in Vickers Gun. Dress: Mufti.


**Sport Columns**
**BOWLS INTERPORT.**

HOW HONG KONG TEAM WON.

**SUPERLATIVE COMBINATION.**

Shanghai, Yesterday. The bowls Interport between Shanghai and Hong Kong was played to-day in splendid weather, the visitors winning by one shot.

The combination of the Hong Kong four was superlative, Grimitt being the shining light.

Shanghai were extended right out and were defeated on the last head, 19-20.

Holland's personality was a wonderful incentive to the team.

The teams were:—

Hong Kong	Shanghai
J. Laing	N. Harrison
A. W. Grimitt	A. McLeod
J. C. Brown	H. G. Wright
A. M. Holland	A. A. Malcolm

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—Our Own Correspondent.

**REUTER'S VERSION.**

Shanghai, Yesterday. Hong Kong won the Interport Bowls by 20 shots to 19. The Hong Kong team was Holland, Brown, Grimitt and Laing.

The match was most exciting. Grimitt was the outstanding player on the field and was mainly responsible for the visitors' victory. —Reuter.

**NOTES BY "BIAS."**

By the smallest possible margin Hong Kong beat Shanghai in the Interport match. From the score the Hong Kong four started off in convincing fashion and at the 6th head were leading by 11 to 2. Although Shanghai managed to score a 5 the visitors hung on to their lead and provided a very exciting finish. Like most people here I expected Brown to be our skip and thought Grimitt would be the most useful No. 3. However, the experiment worked successfully and Holland is to be congratulated on his team selection.

**LOCAL SURPRISES.**

Last Saturday provided some surprises but there are no changes in the league tables. In the first division Craigengower continued their victorious career and though the Police gave them a fright the champions managed to get home on all three rinks. At the ten interval the Police were only 3 points behind on the total and the betting was in their favour. They are expected to win to-morrow at Kowloon and that will give them the possible number of points.

In the second division Civil Service continue to lead and are making a strong bid for promotion. To-morrow's game against the Club de Recreio "A" will have a great deal to do with that question. If the Civil Servants win they are bound to go up and make up for the falling off of their 1st division team.

**THE ST. LEGER.****FIFTEEN HORSES TO RUN.****ACCEPTANCES.**

London, Yesterday. Following are the final acceptances for the St. Leger, to be run at Doncaster next week:—

Tourist.  
Cyclone.  
Bourbon.  
Constant Son.  
Fairway.  
Marconigram.  
Gang Warly.  
Cherry King.  
Buland.  
Parwiz.  
Lodore.  
Luvaneran.  
Flamingo.  
Plantago.  
Palais Royal II.

—Reuter.

**HOME SOCCER.****GOALLESS DRAW AT NEWPORT.**

London, Yesterday. Newport City and Queen's Park Rangers fought a goalless draw in a Third Division, southern, section, match on the former's ground. —Reuter.

**GOLF IN THE ALPS.**

Golf clubs in ever-increasing numbers are included in the luggage for Switzerland, and the number of golf links in the Alps testifies to the present-day vogue of the game in the mountains. A couple of dozen links already exist, and several more are under construction.

They are dotted all over the country, and lie at altitudes ranging from 845 to 6,000 feet. Most of the courses are undulating, naturally, and it is extremely invigorating to play at these heights, with an enchanting panorama on every side.

The links at Basle, Locarno, Geneva, and Aigle are open all the year round. Those on the Swiss high plateau, at Lausanne, Thonon, Zurich, Lucerne, and Bex-les-Bains, and also Lugano, can be used nine or ten months out of the year, the course of Ragaz six months, while the mountain links in the Grisons (Samaden, Maloja, Vulpera, St. Moritz and Waldhaus-Flims), in French Switzerland (Villars, Montans, and Les Rasses), in the Bernese Oberland (Gstaad), and in Central Switzerland (Axfenfels, Axenstein and Engelberg) are open only from June to September.

**LEAGUE TABLES.**

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I			
P. W. D. L. Pts.			
Craigengower C.C. 11 11 0 0 22			
Kowloon Dock R.C. 12 7 1 4 15			
Police R.C. 11 6 0 5 12			
Taikoo R.C. 11 5 0 6 10			
Kowloon C.C. 11 4 1 6 9			
Civil Service C.C. 11 1 0 10 2			
Division II			
P. W. D. L. Pts.			
Civil Service C.C. 12 9 1 2 19			
Recreio "A" 11 8 0 3 16			
Taikoo R.C. 10 7 0 3 14			
Kowloon B.G.C. 12 6 1 5 12			
Craigengower C.C. 12 5 0 7 10			
Kowloon C.C. 11 4 1 6 9			
Recreio "B" 12 4 1 7 9			
East Point R.C. 13 4 0 9 8			
Yacht Club 11 3 0 8 6			

(Continued on next Column.)

**LEAGUE TENNIS.****ONLY ONE MATCH IN TWO WEEKS.****C.R.C.'S "AT HOME."**

League tennis has been practically at a standstill for the last fortnight, only one match having been decided during the period, namely Hong Kong Cricket Club's victory over Nippon Club in the "C" division.

Interest is now centred in the forthcoming "At Home" at the Chinese Recreation Club which have been arranged for the 22nd instant, in which the champions in the three divisions will be pitted against the best teams selected from the rest of the league.

Chinese R.C. have won the "A"

**BOXING ASSN.****CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS OF LAST SEASON.****REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.**

For the year ended June 30, 1928, the report of the Hong Kong Boxing Association's general committee is as follows:—

The Tournament Account shows a profit of \$668.66 and the General Account a profit of \$424.66, and the amount now standing to the credit of the Association in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation is \$2,439.98.

During the season, Stoker Percy Lake, H.M.S. "Durban," won the lightweight belt by defeating Pte. Nixon, 8th M. T. Co., and A. B. Bennett, H.M.S. "Wetherington,"

**RECENT WILLS.****MRS. PANKHURST LEAVES \$86.**

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, described as of High-street, Wapping, and formerly of Clarendon-road, Holland Park, who took a prominent part in the militant suffragette movement, and who died in June last, aged 69 years, left estate of the gross value of \$86, with net personality nil.

Probate has been granted to her daughter, Miss Christabel Harriette Pankhurst, of Gloucester-street, Plimlico, the sole executrix, to whom she left all her property absolutely.

Mr. Edward Palgrave Simpson, Durham Villas, Phillimore-gardens, Kensington, late of Norwich, who died in May, aged 87 years, left estate of the value of £106,511, with net personality £105,760. Mrs. Simpson, having, it would appear, predeceased her husband, he gives, £1,200 to the Jenny Lind Infirmary, Norwich; £1,000 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, £2,000 to St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind, £1,000 to the National Lifeboat Institution.

£500 each to the Friends of the Poor, the West London Hospital, the National Industrial Home for Cripple Boys, Kensington, the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney, the Kensington District Nursing Association, the Church of England Homes for Waifs and Strays, the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Phillips Earl's-court.

£250 each to the Children's Country Holiday Fund, the Girls' Friendly Society, the Holiday Cottage, Aston Clinton.

£100 each to the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, the after-care Association.

£200 to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

£100 each to the Institution for the Indigent Blind, Norwich, the Eye Infirmary, Norwich, the Children's Convalescent Home, Lowestoft, the National Benevolent Institution, and £50 to the Institute of the Norwich Fire Insurance Society.

Sir Charles Edward Gregg Phillips, Picton Castle, Haverfordwest, for nearly forty years Lord Lieutenant of Haverfordwest, and for three years Mayor, a prominent Churchman and member of the House of Laymen, Chairman of Home and Colonial Stores Ltd., the Milford Haven Sea Fishery Commission, a member of the council of the Church Schools Co. Ltd., and a director of several local companies, who died in June, aged 87 years, left unsettled property of the gross value of £91,328, with net personality £41,576.

Mr. Ebenezer Fox, Goulburn, Southport, for many years in business at Manchester as a flower, fruit, and fish dealer, who died in May, aged 71 years, left estate of the gross value of £14,661, with net personality £12,756. Subject to his wife's life interest in the residue he left.

£2,000 to the Victoria University of Manchester, to be applied for research purposes in connection with Negrim, as affecting humanity.

£500 to the Manchester and Salford Playing Fields Association.

The General Committee also notice with much interest that several Naval ratings, who had been prominent in contests promoted by the Association, have given a very good account of themselves in the Service championships at Home this year, which testifies to the high standard of boxing to be seen at the Association's tournaments.

Under the rules of the Association all the officials (except the President and Vice-Presidents) and the members of the general committee retire at this meeting. Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. J. Scott

Haston offer themselves for re-election as chairman and vice-chairman of the Association respectively.

Mr. J. Brook offers himself for re-election as manager. Mr. T. G. Bennett offers himself for election as hon. secretary and as treasurer.

Mr. John Fleming has very kindly

audited the accounts and offers

himself for election as honorary

auditor of the Association.

**SPANISH HONOUR FOR MARCONI.**

The Spanish Government has bestowed on Senator Marconi the Plus Ultra gold medal, a high order of civil merit.

Two cases of small-pox discovered

in Poplar, E., are stated not to be

serious; the patients have been

taken to hospital.

Mr. Bradford Ramsell, aged 20, son of a Donisthorpe (Leicester-shire) clayworker, has taken the Bachelor of Science degree at London University with distinction in three subjects.

After lasting nearly two months, the Norwegian building trade strike has been settled.

**THE HEAD-DRESS OF QUALITY FOR MEN OF SMART APPEARANCE.**


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Father and Son Before Tragedy.



An unusual affection existed between the late President-elect Alvaro Obregon of Mexico and his son, Humberto, who accompanied his distinguished father on his ill-fated trip to the capital from the Obregon ranch home in Sonora. The above photo shows the two together for the last time before an assassin's bullets ended the general's life.

Chic Beach Suit.



For the woman who prefers lounging upon the beach to swimming, Molyneaux has created this very attractive ensemble of blue and red printed on a white silk background and trimmed in bands of blue and red.

"Adopted" by a City.



Miss Kathryn Witwer has the unique distinction of being the "adopted" daughter of a whole city, for citizens of Gary, Ind., took that step as the means for insuring the girl's musical education. She made her debut last season with the Chicago Civic Opera Co. but is here shown sailing for Europe to undertake further study.

Passed Away.



Mr. C. D. Henry, father of Mrs. Herbert Hoover, failed to rally from a paralytic stroke and died at his home in Placerville, Cal.

City Welcomes World Fliers.



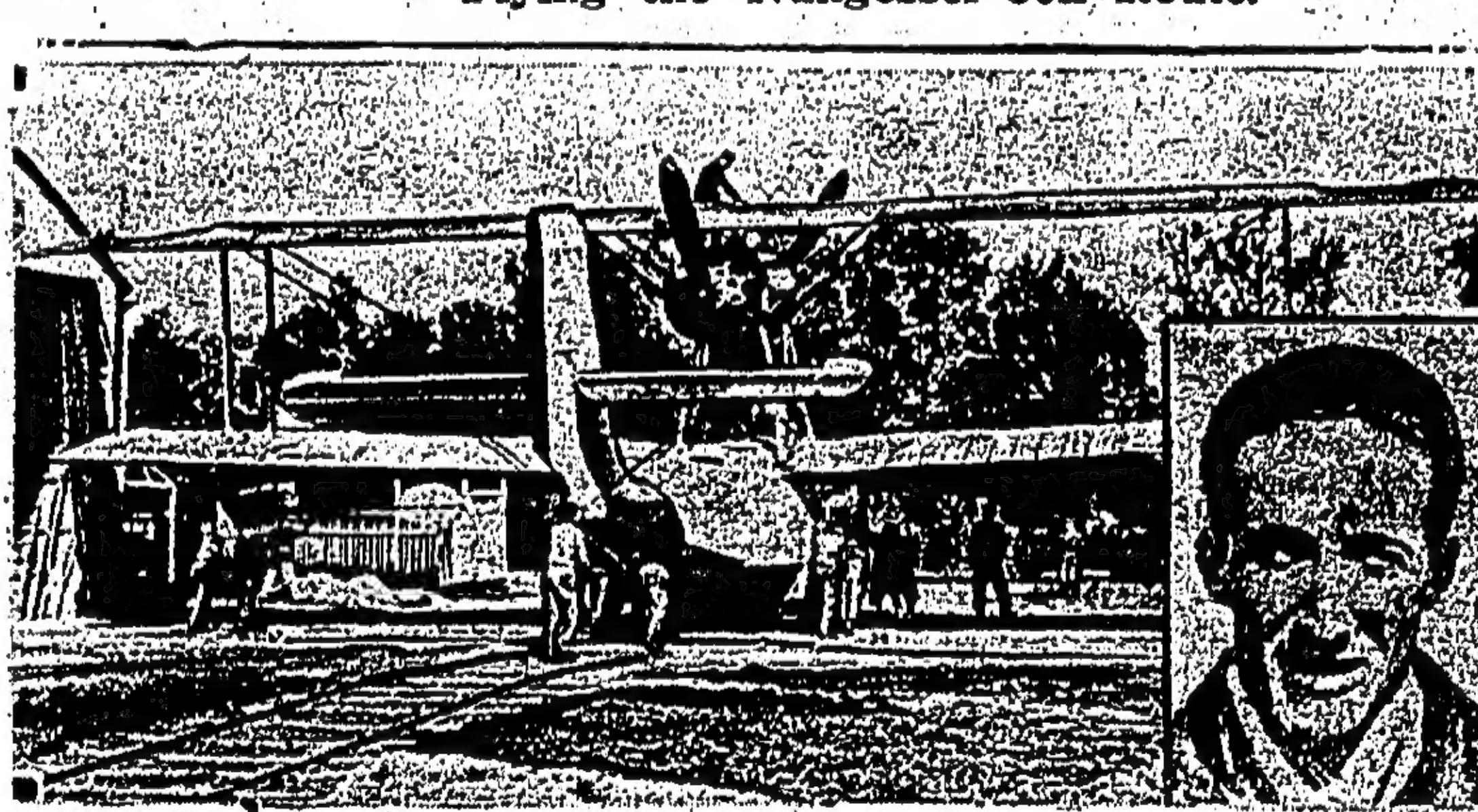
John Henry Mears and Pilot Charles B. D. Colyer got a great welcome from Acting Mayor McKee of New York (centre) upon completion of their globe-girdling flight. So did Tailwind, their Sealyham mascot, which accompanied them. The trio circled the earth in 23 days, 15 hours, 8 seconds.

Pontiff Receives Armenian Clergy.



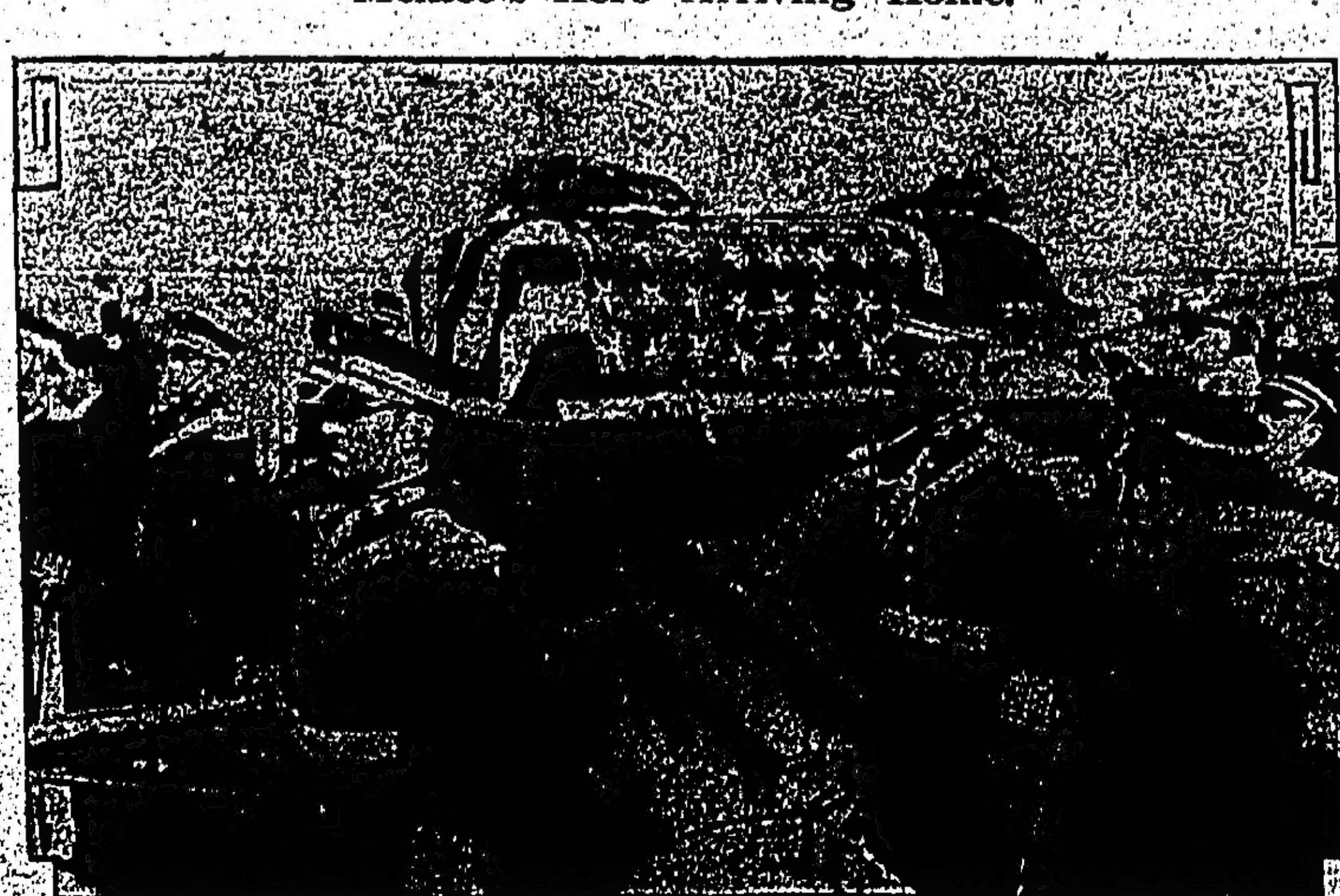
For the first time in months Vatican officials allowed a photographer to portray His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, during an audience. To the left and right of the pontiff are shown officials of his household, together with certain of the visiting Armenian clergy.

Flying the Nungesser-Coli Route.



The first leg of his flight to New York was successfully completed when Lieutenant Paulin Paris (inset) skilfully dropped his twin-motored seaplane "La Frégate" into the harbour of Horta, Azores.

Mexico's Hero Arriving Home.



Tenderly, reverently, the body of Captain Emilio Carranza, the brilliant young Mexican hero who dedicated his life to an anarchist revolution, was received by his own people at the international airport. The above photo shows the palanquin through which he was carried to be placed in a casket for the Mexican capital.

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Seeks Geneva Post.



Dr. Walter Simons, of Germany, who is being urged as successor to John Bassett Moore of the Permanent Court of International Justice at Geneva. Allied statesmen have asked League of Nations officials to obtain a hearing for Simons.

Breaks Ocean Record.



When Captain S. G. S. McNeil docked the big "Mauretania" at New York he had broken all previous records for the voyage across the Atlantic. The ocean greyhound made the trip in 5 days 5 hours and 38 seconds.

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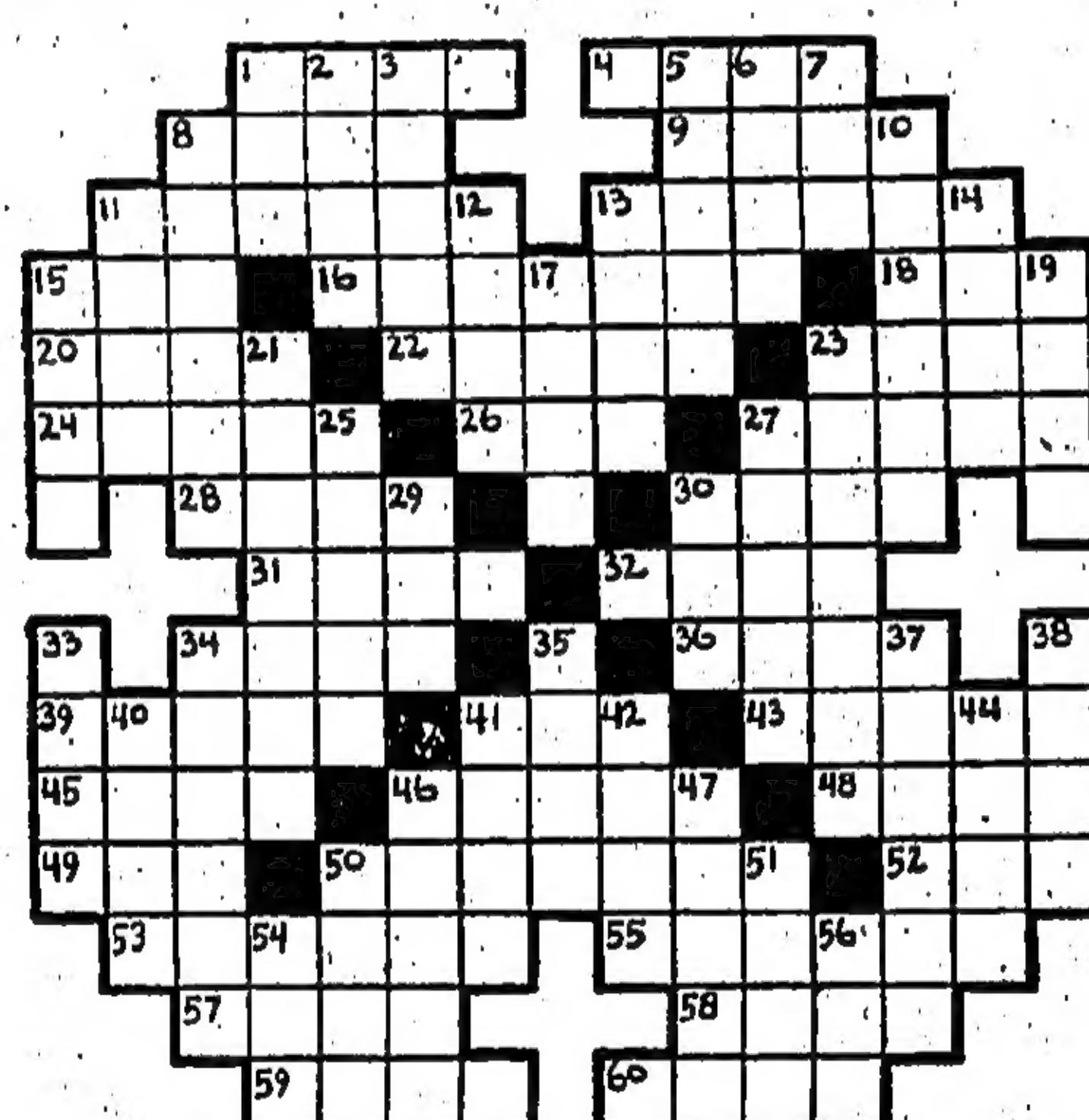
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *altho.*)



**HORIZONTAL**  
1-To be deficient  
4-Courageous  
8-Pod of a plant  
9-Parks for animals  
11-Mend  
13-Poem  
15-President's name, shortened  
16-Looking gay  
18-Large tub  
20-Beast of prey  
22-Plane  
23-Nothing  
24-Interior  
25-Rest  
27-Perilously concave  
28-Prison  
30-Lamentations  
31-Scot  
32-Pronoun  
34-Utter affectedly  
35-First name of Mrs. Wilcox, the poet  
39-Happening  
41-Dish  
43-River of northern France  
45-Tinged  
46-Cut with scissors

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
46-Kind of bay window  
48-Middy  
49-Cheated  
50-Gross fraud  
52-Large country (abbr.)  
53-To decamp (slang)  
55-Those whose mother tongue is English  
57-Part of a drama  
58-Too much money  
59-Curb to be moderate

**VERTICAL**  
1-Cut off  
2-Exposition of unshapeliness  
6-Ascend  
8-Form of oxygen  
9-Far distant  
7-Put on  
8-B-easy to  
10-Separates  
11-Shower  
12-Rivulet  
13-Magnitude  
14-Gallows  
15-Cut with scissors

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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R YOLK DAMSIT	WOO ITAL
WOO ITAL	DETAINMENT

#### HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak.	1823
Signal Station.	1774
Mt. Parker.	1724
Mountain Lodge.	1725
The Eyrie.	1205
Peak Hotel.	1000
Taikoo Sanatorium.	871
Mt. Davis.	297
Bowen Road (litterbed).	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Taishan.	3124
Kowloon Peak.	1771

## MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

### ACTOR'S NOSE CUT. EYES BLACKED IN REALISTIC STAGE FIGHT.

Every morning (says the *Daily Mail*) to hand) after breakfast two men go into a London theatre and for an hour or so solemnly hit each other over the head with bottles, throw logs of wood and a chair at each other, hurl a barrel across the stage, and—generally—just stop short of murder.

They are two actors, Mr. Robert Haslam and Mr. Dennis Wyndham, engaged in rehearsing a savage fight in which they are to take part in "The Phantom Fear," a new mystery play which is to be produced at His Majesty's Theatre.

The fight occurs in a derelict ship and is one of a series of thrills.

Mr. Wyndham has, it is stated, already received two black eyes and a cut nose during the fierce rehearsals; and recently Mr. Vernon Sylvaine, who is one of the authors of the play, said that he himself is black and blue with bruises acquired in showing the actors concerned in the fight scene how he wants it done.

### OBERAMMERGAU.

#### "PASSION PLAY" TOWN ISOLATED.

Munich.—The people of Oberammergau, the Bavarian village which is famous for its Passion Play, had a most alarming experience recently.

A thunderstorm brought torrential rain and the little river Leine, which flows through the village, quickly became a roaring torrent and overflowed its banks.

Part of the village was flooded and the bridges over the river were destroyed by the trunks of trees which were hurled against them like battering rams by the water.

A great quantity of debris and many tree trunks were swept by the river to the electricity works, and for an hour the place was in darkness. The work of clearing away the obstructions and of pumping the water from the cellars and the lower rooms of houses had to be begun by torch-light.

No lives have been lost, but the people of Oberammergau are poor, and the damage done to their homes and the village by the flood is a serious matter for them.

### STOLL THEATRES. SIR OSWALD'S ALLIANCE SCHEMES.

Sir Oswald Stoll, in view of the recent changes in the entertainment world, proposes, after consulting a number of large holders in the group of companies of which he is chairman, to form a holding company to acquire the existing shares. Shareholders are asked to consent to the exchange of shares for those of the new holding company.

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When the deal is completed, it is intended to issue to Sir Oswald Stoll 63,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each in respect of his interest in a valuable site in Liverpool and a lease owned by him of the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle. The 100,000 Management shares would be issued in respect of one half of the issued share capital of each of two theatres—Chiswick Empire and Wood Green Empire.

It is estimated that the first year's profit should be sufficient to provide approximately 6 1/4 per cent. on the whole Ordinary share capital.

### JACKSON'S 16 GIRLS.

British supremacy may be lost in sport, trade and armaments, but we still arouse the admiration of our neighbours whenever a troupe of girls from Lancashire performs the "dances anglaises" abroad.

Alfred Jackson's 16 Girls have come to the Alhambra (says a London paper to hand), after winning steadfast popularity on the Continent. This is not to be wondered at. They give us our fill of the pleasure to be found in perfect uniformity of movement. While their toes alternately tap and stage and describe circles in

### "SIX STOKERS."

#### "WHO OWN THE BLOOMIN' EARTH."

[By Elmer L. Greensfelder.]

Now I have a rough idea of what it must have felt like to sit through a command performance of the burning of Rome with incidental music and effects by Nero. Last Thursday night (in mail week) was really hot, the quarters were cramped, the audience smart but apprehensive, the entertainment exotic. The production, we were advised, was "Constructive," which meant the taking of a poor little play by the scruff of its neck and jazzing the nonsense out of it. Not that the nonsense showed any disposition to hang back.

On a dizzy rafter above our heads stood Mr. Peter Godfrey in faultless evening dress, accompanied by a lady (one of a flight of angels) approximately clad in green American cloth, with tale wings and other celestial whatnots. Having been rudely smacked into motion, this angel assumed the doleful postures of jazz while the Six indistinguishable Stokers roared out symbolic platitudes on the stage below, assisted or impeded by every form of racket known to the lawless nursery.

A foreword explained that the play was "a political satire," a theatrical squib, an international lampoon, a dramatisation of diplomatic absurdities—all built about a story of six bloomin' stokers who, like certain six Great Powers at the Outbreak of Peace, wanted to divide the world between them, but didn't know how. All this it was, and more. Such points as the untutored dialogue might have failed to make clear to an audience of cretins, were rubbed in by magic-lantern mottoes, the hiccups of a tipsy cinematograph, lift bells and megaphones, search-lights, abrupt black-outs and some good loud gunpowder. True, Mr. Godfrey had warned us from his rafter that it was all a joke; but that didn't prevent one from wishing that his hilarious ingenuity had been exercised on funnier material.—H. H. in the London "Observer."

the air, sixteen mops of curls keep time by vibrating to the movement. How drill-servants must sigh for Mr. Jackson's power when the sixteen girls do the splits together, or fall one against the other in turn until the whole line lies flat; and yet the trick which takes our fancy most is the far simpler one of shuffling feet to imitate a train, while thirty-two slender arms push backwards and forwards in imitation of pistons.

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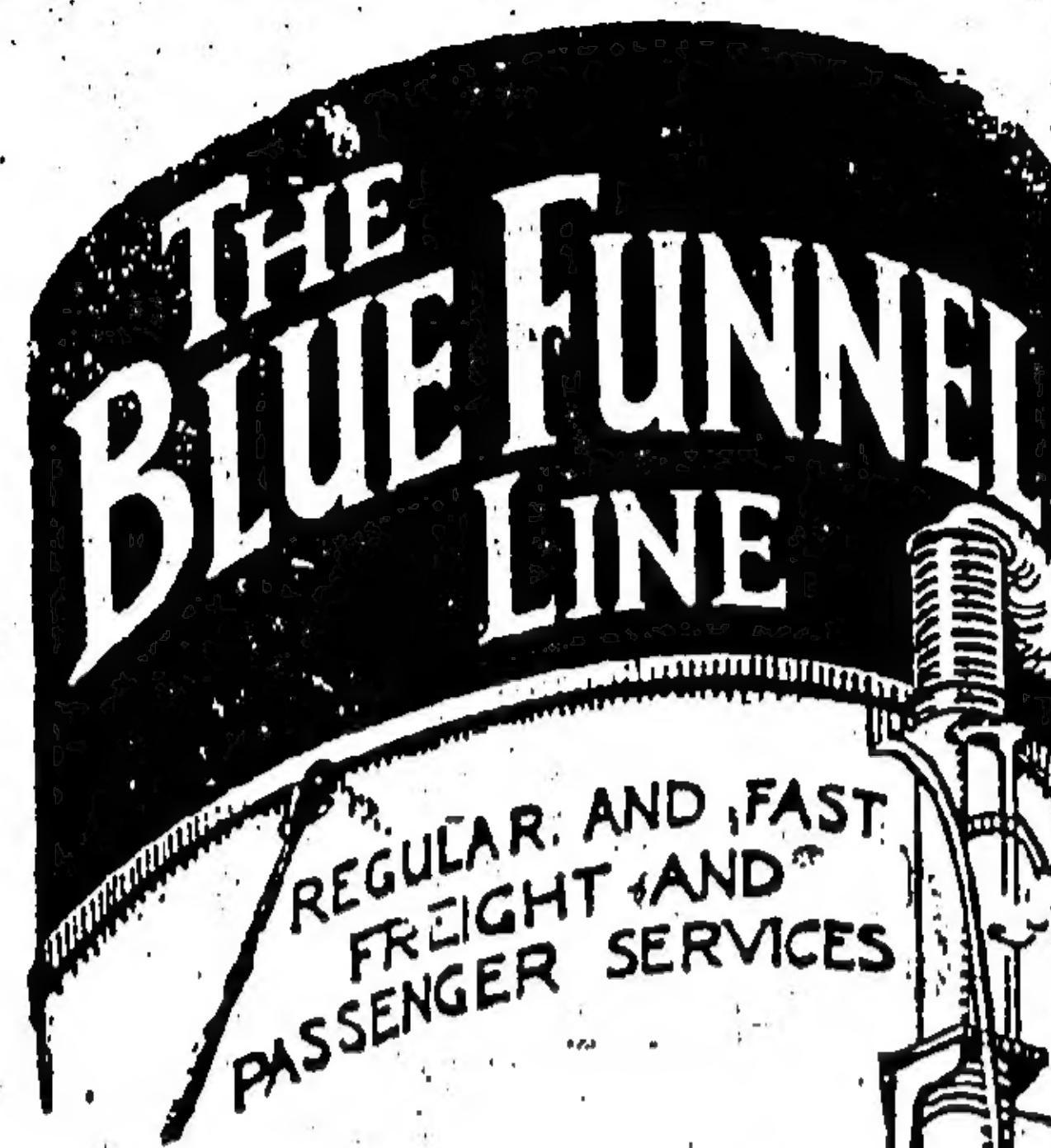
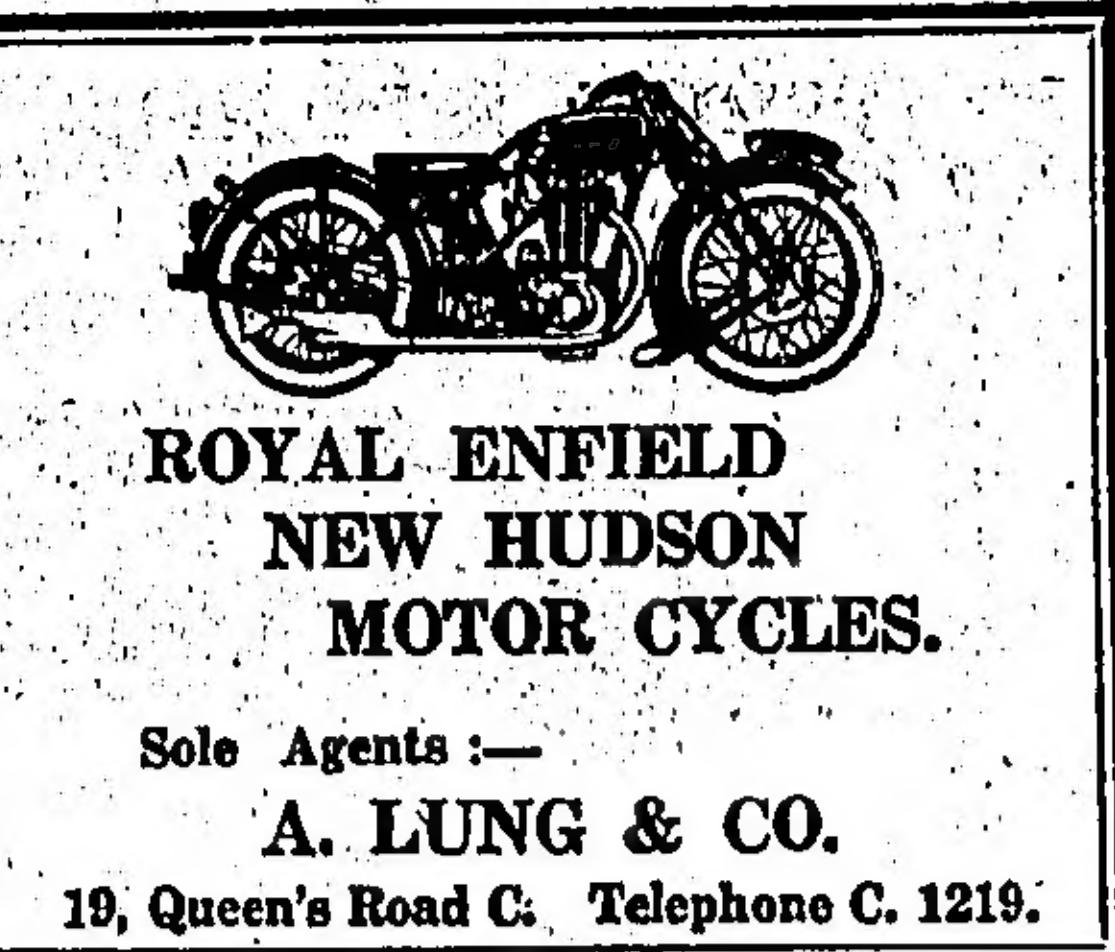




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### INKEEPERS.

A LODGING FOR THE NIGHT.

FROM FICTION.

Most of us have experienced during a tramping or motoring tour, the mild adventure of seeking and finding some lonely inn for a night's sleep and shelter. Innkeepers have been none too kindly treated by the novelists who have ruthlessly exploited the idea of the landlord who makes a habit of murdering his fleeing guests. Few treatments of this theme equal the vivid skill Charles Reade displayed in "The Cloister and the Hearth."

THE GIRL DECOY.

Gerard and Denys reach a little town at evening and are on the way to a famous hotel when Denys sees a buxom girl standing at the door of a roadside auberge and instantly decides to stay the night there. Reade uses the ancient device of making Denys display too much money and so excite the landlord's cupidity. The girl decoy warns Denys that the landlord has gone to fetch his band of cut-throats, but the two comrades have no time to escape before the robbers arrive, headed by the gigantic rogue called the Abbot with his terrible axe.

Reade gets every possible thrill into the situation—suspense, a silent killing ruse to ploy on the superstitions of the robbers, some splendid cut and thrust work, the triumph of the two travellers and the discovery of the bones of the landlord's previous victims in the cellar.

A GRUESOME RUSE.

Denys drives a dagger through the throat of the first robber who creeps into the room, and does his work so neatly that the listening assassins are unaware of their companion's fate. Then Gerard illuminates the dead man's face with phosphorus, writes "La Mort" in letters of fire on the brow, and uses the dead to frighten the living. They main another robber and then have to tackle the Abbot, one of the hardest dying scoundrels in literature.

First the Abbot is shot through both jaws with the bolt from a cross-bow, then Gerard runs him through so that the point of the sword sticks out from the Abbot's back. Denys promptly drives his sword through the Abbot's back so that the point projects from his breast. But the Abbot is not dead. He drags the two men to the door, and they withdraw the two swords to stab him again. Then he leaps five feet into the air and bursts the door as he tumbles down dead.

Stevenson has a fine short story, "A Lodging for the Night," describing an imaginary episode in the life of Villon, the vagabond poet but in this story it is not an inn that shelters the wanderer. One of Villon's companions is murdered in a gambling quarrel, and another "friend" steals the poet's purse before Villon leaves the house, to avoid being implicated in the murder.

WINE MAGIC.

We walk the bitter, wintry streets seeking shelter for the night. We try a porch, but it shelters a corpse—a dead woman. We watch Villon try the house of his adopted father, but the chaplain of St. Benoit tells his prodigal adopted son to go away. Villon, half frozen, knocks at one

## ROYAL DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA.

### BIG TOUR BEGINS.

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HEARTY SEND-OFF.

London, Yesterday. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester entrained at Victoria for Dover, thus beginning their East African and South African holiday tour.

They were seen off by Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Dominions' Under-Secretary, on behalf of the Government and a large cheering crowd.—Reuter.

Informal Leave-Taking.

An absolute informality marked the departure from London this afternoon of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester for their tour of East and South Africa. This was in accordance with the Prince of Wales' personal wish.

The Royal brothers arrived at Victoria Station not in uniform but dressed as ordinary civilians in lounge suits with bowler hats.

There were no official persons to bid them farewell as, accompanied by their small suite, they entered a Pullman car of the boat train for Dover.

A large crowd, however, witnessed their departure and gave the Prince and his brother an enthusiastic send-off.

With similar informality the princes embarked at Dover in the cross-Channel steamer "Invicta," walking direct from the train to the ship. There was no ceremony, but again the princes received a great ovation.—British Wireless Service.

Such a favourable report of the Italian section of the International Press Exhibition at Cologne has been presented to Signor Mussolini that he has commanded the section to be transferred to and shown in Rome upon the close of the exhibition.

Professor Billmann has been appointed President of the International Union for Pure and Applied Chemistry. The tenth conference of the union will be held in Liege in 1930 on the occasion of the International Exhibition of Science and Industry.

door that opens to him, a shivering, whining craven. A great scoundrel gives him food, wine, and shelter. The poet and his host argue all night. At dawn Villon leaves. The change that food and warmth have wrought is told in two lines—the last in the story, "A very dull old gentleman," he thought. "I wonder what his goblets may be worth."

The phrase, "a Dickensian inn," shows how the great Victorian is loved by travellers, but most of his inns are far more than mere lodgings for the night—they are permanent institutions, as it were. And Mr. Arnold Bennett—well, what would they say at the Grand Babylon Hotel if we looked in and asked for a room, bed and breakfast!

ELIZABETH AND VICTORIA. We would prefer, for such a temporary stay, to sup near Canterbury with the characters in one of Maurice Hewlett's Captain Brazenhead yarns, or step across the Channel and take the luck of the road in company with "The Three Musketeers," who found some very unrefined lodgings.

In England one is struck by the number of inns and hotels that claim to have "put up" Queen Elizabeth for the night. Curiously enough another Queen, Victoria, seems to have lodged at hotels in out-of-the-way places. A visit of Queen Elizabeth is hard to prove, but in the case of Victoria, the innkeeper has usually recorded the exact date and circumstances on a brass plate which is kept resplendently burnished; a suitable encouragement to other guests.

Every inn that can claim a "mention" in Dickens is proud of the fact, but although lodgings for the night play a prominent part in "Tom Jones," innkeepers are quite understandably shy of claiming any connection with Fielding's hero and his prodigal adopted son to go away. Villon, half frozen, knocks at one

## T. U. C. & INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

### COOK COLLAPSES.

CARD VOTE REJECTS OPPOSITION MOTION.

"VICIOUS ALLEGATION."

London, Yesterday.

Mr. A. Henderson, in emphasising the need for close contact between the industrial and political sides of Labour, submitted to the Trade Union Congress a plan to establish a joint consultative and co-ordinating body, which he named the Grand Council, in addition to the existing National Joint Council.

Such contact has already been established between the Labour Party and the Political Co-operative Party, but Mr. Henderson contemplates a still closer bond, bringing the whole co-operative movement into a definite federation with the trade union and political sections of Labour.

The Council's Policy.

By means of a card vote the Congress rejected a motion opposing the industrial peace negotiations with employers by 3,921,000 votes against 760,000.

Mr. J. T. Brownlie (Engineers) was repeatedly interrupted when he opposed the Council's policy and moved that the whole question be referred back to the executives of the unions.

Mr. J. R. Clynes repudiated as a "vicious allegation" that the Congress was trafficking with the capitalist system.

Mr. A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, fainted and had to be carried out in a state of collapse, after a long and impassioned speech opposing the negotiations.

The miners' President, Mr. Smith, said the Miners' Federation had decided that the General Council had acted rightly in accepting the employers' invitation.

—Reuter.

Mr. Citrine's Views.

Resolutions were discussed condemning the action of the General Council in taking part in the Industrial Peace Conference with a group of employers under Lord Melchett (formerly Sir Alfred Mond). The resolutions were in the name of several minor trade unions. In view of the resolution which was passed by a large majority on Tuesday instructing the General Council to take steps to purge the trade union movement of communism, the issue was never in doubt.

The three big unions of transport workers, railwaymen and miners had decided to support the action of the General Council.

Mr. Citrine, Secretary of the Trades' Union Congress, in opening the debate, said the Congress had to take a decision that would be very important for unions for many years to come. Outlining the circumstances in which negotiations had been opened at the invitation of employers, he said the attitude of the employers in the past had been one of hostility towards the claims of labour but now no specific claims that came within the purview of industry would be excluded from discussion.

Moreover, at the very outset both parties definitely decided that there should be no interference either with the right to strike or a lockout. The step which the General Council had taken was in accordance with the development of trade unionism throughout the world.

At the present time there was a demand for the voice of the worker in the control of industry. Employers had conceded that right.

The proceedings revealed little support for the condemnatory resolution, which was defeated on a card vote by 2,921,000 against 760,000.—British Wireless Service.

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